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Siting Committee
Kourtney Vaccaro, Hearing Officer
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-15
Sacramento CA, 95814

RE: Rio Mesa Solar Project, Docket No. 11-AFC-04
Ownership of Rio Mesa Solar Project

Dear Hearing Officer Vaccaro:

This letter clarifies the ownership structure of the Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility (Rio Mesa SEGF). Rio Mesa Solar I, LLC, Rio Mesa Solar II, LLC, and Rio Mesa Solar III, LLC, collectively Applicant, are Delaware limited liability companies, each a wholly owned subsidiary of Rio Mesa Solar Holdings, LLC, (RMSH), which is in turn a wholly owned subsidiary of BrightSource Energy, Inc. (BrightSource). The Applicant proposes to construct three plants that will comprise Rio Mesa SEGF. The proposed Rio Mesa SEGF site includes three solar concentrating thermal power plants. Each of the three plants is expected to have a net capacity of 250 megawatts (MW) for a combined output from Rio Mesa SEGF of 750 MW. To facilitate the construction, financing, and possible sale of three separate plants, they will be separately owned as follows: the southernmost plant (RMS I) will be owned by Rio Mesa Solar I, LLC; the next contiguous plant to the north (RMS II) will be owned by Rio Mesa Solar II, LLC; the northernmost plant (RMS III) will be owned by Rio Mesa Solar III, LLC. The owners of the three separate solar plants will each hold an approximately equal one-third share ownership of certain shared facilities required by the three solar plants for construction and operation of the Rio Mesa SEGF.

The Applicant will be licensed to do business in California. BrightSource, a Delaware corporation, is a technology and development company and the ultimate parent company of the Applicant. BrightSource is an authorized agent of the Applicant, and BrightSource will guide the Project through the licensing process at the Energy Commission. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Stewart".

Todd Stewart
Senior Director of Project Development